

## INK ASSIST AIR KNIFE

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In operating an inkjet printing mechanism, media passes through a printzone including a support apparatus supporting the media thereat. When passing through the printzone, print imaging is applied by application of ink from an ink dispensing element and onto a surface of the media. The method includes directing an airflow at the media surface, the airflow including a first directional component away from the printzone and a second directional component onto the media surface thereby urging the media against the support apparatus.